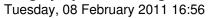
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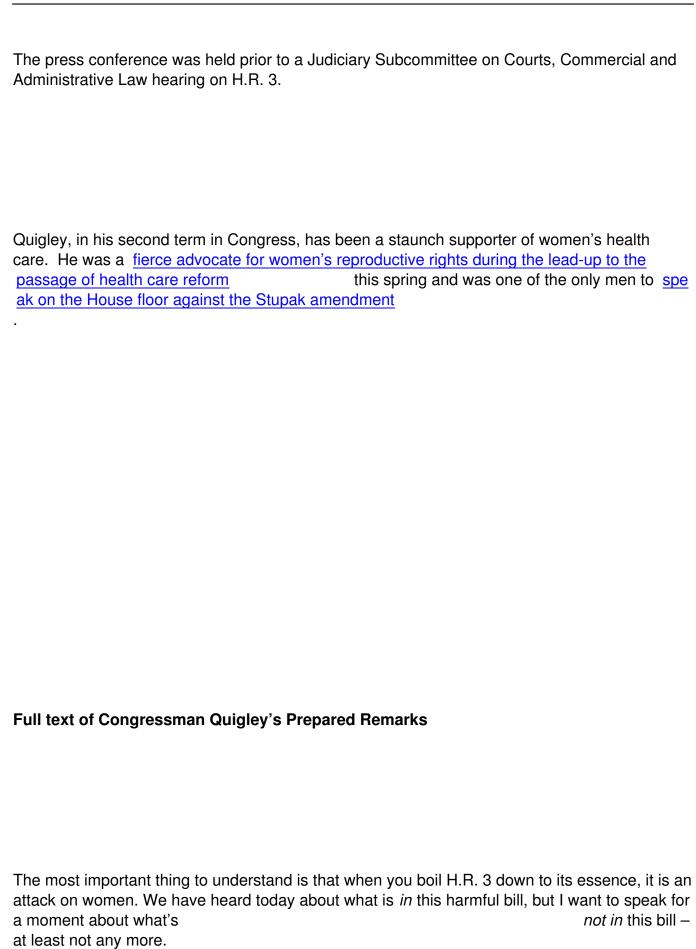
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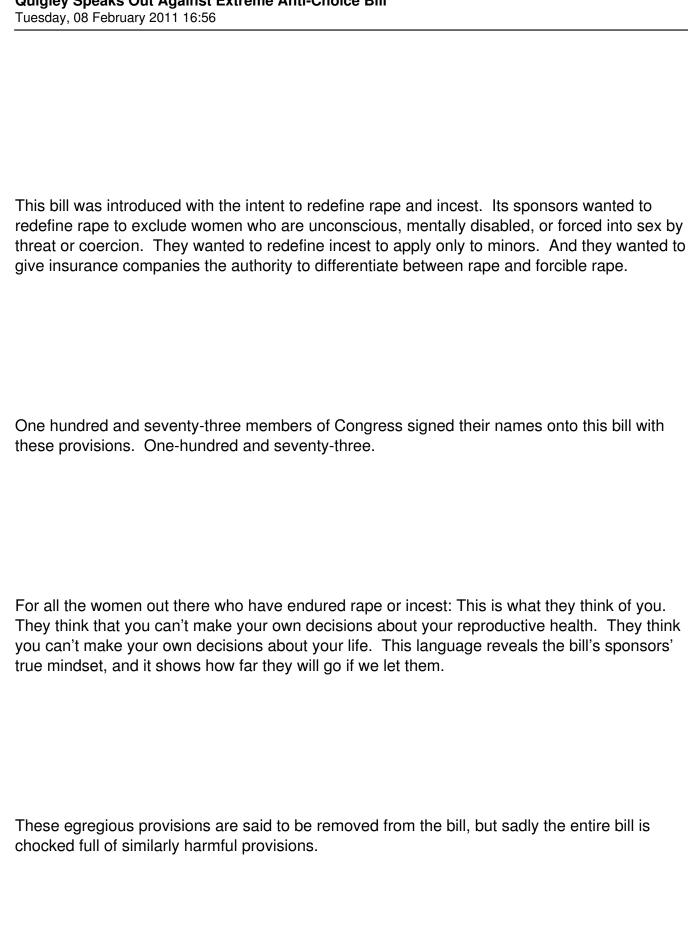
Joins Representatives for Press Conference Before Hearing on H.R. 3
WASHINGTON—Today, U.S. Representative Mike Quigley (IL-05) joined members of Congress to speak out strongly against efforts to curtail women's reproductive rights, specifically H.R. 3—the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act.
"This Orwellian named bill is an attack on women, introduced with the egregious intent to redefine rape and incest," said Quigley. "We already have language restricting

federal funds from paying for abortion. This bill goes further, restricting how private citizens can spend their private dollars. It is repugnant, and a direct offensive against

H.R. 3, The No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, would essentially ban abortion coverage in the new health care system, impose tax penalties on Americans with private insurance plans that include abortion coverage, and prohibit the District of Columbia from using local funds for abortion services for women who cannot afford health coverage on their own. Additionally, it seeks to deny women reproductive health care even in cases when a woman's life is in danger, and as introduced would redefine rape and incest.









H.R. 3 would allow the government to interfere in private health insurance, and would prevent women from paying for abortion coverage with their own money. H.R. 3 would limit the ability of women to get the care they need, even if a pregnancy threatened a mother's life. Jennifer Peterson, who found a lump in her breast during her pregnancy, would be forced to carry her pregnancy to term, even while it complicated her cancer treatment.

H.R. 3 would allow public hospitals to refuse life-saving care to women. A woman, like the one who recently came to a hospital in Arizona and was told that without an abortion the likelihood of her dying was "near 100 percent," could be denied care. H.R. 3 would also raise taxes on millions of families and small businesses who want to keep the comprehensive coverage they currently have and pay for with their own money.

Under H.R. 3, a restaurant in my district in Chicago that has 40 half-time employees would no longer be able to get a tax credit to help them afford coverage for their employees, and would pay \$28,000 more in taxes. The sponsors of H.R. 3 want us to believe this is simply a reiteration of the status quo – We will not be fooled. This bill is an attempt to turn back the clock to a time when women were not allowed to make their own decisions about their own health and their own life.

We will not go back, we will not be fooled, and we will stand up for the reproductive rights of women everywhere.